

Tyson's Corner



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WELCOME...

One of my goals as chair of City Council's Workforce Development Committee is to connect unemployed and underemployed Columbus residents with skills and training that will help them find good jobs.

While the health of our economy is often measured by its generation of new jobs, it is also true that many existing jobs in Central Ohio are going unfilled because employers are unable to find workers who have the necessary skills to fill the positions.

What that tells me is that we need to do a better job of investing in our workforce. When we do that, we will go a long way toward addressing many of the critical challenges – poverty, food insecurity, access to healthcare, etc. – that communities across the country are contending with as we continue to recover from the Great Recession.



Recently I held a public hearing on the many workforce development resources that are available to residents of Central Ohio. My office has identified over two dozen agencies and organizations that are providing services to unemployed and underemployed people in our community. All of them are doing fine work, and we would be happy to help you or someone you know make a connection with them. A few examples:

- Alvis House works with individuals who are re-entering the community after being involved in the criminal justice system, helping them develop the skills they will need to succeed in the workplace.
- The Center of Vocational Alternatives helps people with mental illnesses face employment and other life issues with the resources necessary to make informed decisions.
- The Columbus State Center for Workforce Development offers a variety of community education classes and programs designed to meet your needs, whether you need to hone your computer skills, develop your entrepreneurial abilities, complete your GED, or achieve a professional certification.
- Employment for Seniors provides seasoned jobseekers with employment assistance, job referrals, training programs, and advocacy.
- WrightChoice, Inc., offers career coaching, internship placement, and many other services, with a special focus on people with disabilities.

These are only a few of the many resources that are available. For a directory of workforce development service providers compiled by my office, please call us at (614) 645-2933.

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Sponsored Legislation

HELPING FORMER OFFENDERS: Each year more than 2,000 ex-offenders in state prisons return to Franklin County after paying their debts to society. Ordinance 0814-2012 funded the Restoration Academy, a six-month program that provides ex-offenders with job training and a path to long-term employment in an effort to help them restore their lives and contribute to our community.

EXPANDING HEALTH CARE ON THE SOUTH SIDE: Residents of the city's South Side will soon have a new facility that will provide quality health care. Ordinance 1090-2012 authorized several important contract modifications for the design and construction of the new John R. Maloney Health and Wellness Center at the former Schottenstein's Department Store site on South Parsons Avenue.

NEW CNG FUELING STATION: As part of its Green Fleet plan, the city is implementing a Compressed Natural Gas vehicle and fuel program. Our fleet is being replaced with CNG vehicles and a CNG fueling station is fully operational on Groves Road. Ordinance 1303-2012 authorized the purchase of property on Morse Road for the construction of a second CNG station.

PROTECTING FAMILIES: The Child and Family Health Services Program is a community effort to eliminate health disparities and improve the health of women, infants, and children. Ordinance 1352-2011 authorized the Board of Health to accept a grant and anticipated fee revenues from the Ohio Department of Health to fund the program on the local level.

City of Columbus Legislation Report		Office of City Clerk 100 New Broad Street Columbus, OH 43219-0001 columbuscitycouncil.org
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Emergency	File Type: Ordinance	Status: Passed
File Number: 0062-2008	Version: 1	Controlling Body: Sacramento and Public Commission
File Name: Appropriation of \$3,366,164.50 from Fund 123 for supplies and services in 2009 and to declare an emergency	Introduced: 1/1/2008	
Requester: Rep. B. Paul Dierker	Cost: \$3,366,164.50	Final Action: 1/1/2008
Auditor: Clerk #:	Auditor: When assigned as Auditor Certificate Number 1, the City Auditor, hereby certifies that this is in the history, or anticipates to come into the history, and are appropriated for any other purpose, the number of money specified herein, to pay the various Ordinances.	
Contact Number(s):	Cord Callers: 601-9025	
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City Clerk	Date	President of Council
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CNHC, Maryhaven Partner to Deliver Healthcare

Health Resources and Services Administrator Mary Wakefield visited Columbus in June to announce that Columbus Neighborhood Health Center, Inc., in partnership with Maryhaven, was awarded federal funds to provide primary care services at Maryhaven's Alum Creek Drive facility. The addition of these services to Maryhaven's behavioral health services will provide residents a full range of physical and behavioral healthcare.



Councilmember Tyson speaks at the grant announcement. From left: CNHC CEO Tom Horan and Maryhaven CEO Paul Coleman.

Maryhaven and CNHC developed an innovative proposal for a medical center that will house a CNHC physician, nurse practitioner, PT clinical social worker, PT behavioral health nurse practitioner, and consulting psychiatrist. The center will operate from 8a-5p, M-F, and will stay open at least one evening to 7pm.

Columbus Public Health Hosts Farmers' Markets

Farmers' markets provide shoppers with access to foods that promote wellness and encourage families to enjoy home-cooked meals. Produce sold at farmers' markets is often at the peak of its flavor, and retains its nutritional content over the course of its journey from the farm to our tables.

Columbus Public Health's annual farmers' markets will be held at the health department, on the front lawn, from 10am-1pm on August 9th and 16th. The health department is located at 240 Parsons Ave.

Last year, more than 10,000 people attended the three signature markets. Councilmember Tyson attended the first market of 2012 on August 2nd, where she joined a large and diverse crowd of Columbus residents in sampling many of the delicious local delicacies.



Yoder Farms of Plain City was among the farms represented at the market.

For more information, visit publichealth.columbus.gov.

Alvis House Celebrates 45th Anniversary

Alvis House recently celebrated its 45th anniversary of helping people who have become involved in the criminal justice system to successfully reenter the community. Under the tireless leadership of CEO Denise M. Robinson, the staff and volunteers at Alvis House help their clients build better futures by recognizing and investing in their potential.

The organization serves about 1,000 individuals every year who are facing barriers to employment as a result of their involvement in the criminal justice system. Alvis House's intensive, nationally recognized workforce development and training services help former offenders find stable employment and contribute to our community. This reduces recidivism rates and saves on future criminal justice costs.

For more information, please visit www.alvishouse.org or call 614-252-8402.

Councilmember Tyson (second from right) joins community leaders and representatives to mark Alvis House's 45th anniversary.



Summit Empowers New American Youth

Ethiopian Tewahedo Social Services, Asian American Community Services, and many community partners presented the second annual Call to Action Youth Summit on July 14, at the Columbus Police Training Academy. This year's theme was "Empowering New American Youth to Take Action for the Future," and the day's many speakers, workshops, and presentations delivered on the theme's promise. Covered topics included nutrition and fitness, college preparation, self-esteem, leadership, anti-bullying, financial literacy, and job readiness, among others.

Columbus is home to tens of thousands of New Americans who are making our city a better and more diverse place to live, work, play, and raise a family. Councilmember Tyson's goal is for our city to do the best job it can to welcome New Americans and provide them with the services and support that they need. For more information about the summit, visit ethiotss.org.

Councilmember Tyson at the summit, with Abdikhayr Soofe of the Community Relations Commission and Ethiopian Tewahedo Social Services Executive Director Dr. Seleshi Asfaw.



Public Art Enlivens City, Bicentennial

Councilmember Tyson has long been an advocate for public art; for instance, it was her budget amendment that funded the Columbus Art Commission for the first time in its history, and she recently served on the jury for the *Columbus Arts Pop-Up Project (CAP-UP)*, a collaboration by GCAC and the Capital Crossroads SID that will place a series of installation window displays by local artists in the Capital Square area.

She has been thrilled to follow the progress of *Finding Time: Columbus Public Art 2012*, a project that has drawn attention to the benefit of having public art in our city's plazas, parks, streets, and other spaces. The project aims to transform downtown with more than a dozen new,

temporary public art projects by local, national, and international artists. The artists work in multiple forms and media, from sculptures and murals to sound works, site-specific performances, and installations in nontraditional sites like COTA buses and surface parking lots. Finding time projects include:

- *Urban Plein Air Paintings*, created by members of Central Ohio Plein Air, places paintings in unexpected downtown locations.
- The bells at Trinity Episcopal Church ring each month with an original composition from one of twelve diverse composers.
- Janet Zweig's "*Columbus never...*", is a generative sentence written by residents of

Columbus and placed phrase-by-phrase on a blank wall behind Key Bank, resulting in the wall being covered with text written by the public at the end of the year.



David Best's *Bicentennial Towers* adorned the plinths at the termini of the Broad Street Bridge. Image by Dow Kimbrell.



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Veterans Affairs
Small & Minority Business Development
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Community Gardens Continue to Bloom

In 2007, Councilmember Tyson sponsored a budget amendment authorizing \$5,000 in grant funds to support community garden projects in Columbus. Since then the program has attracted public and private partners who have helped grow the fund, and this May, Councilmember Tyson joined other community leaders to announce \$100,000 in grants to local gardening efforts.

Partners in the grant program include Columbus City Council, Mayor Coleman, the Franklin County

Commissioners, Scotts Miracle-Gro Company, the Franklin Park Conservatory, the Institute for Active Living, Fifth Third Bank, and CleanTurn.



Councilmember Tyson shares her passion for community gardening with the crowd at the garden grants announcement.

Affordable Care Act Provision Helps Women

Thanks to the Affordable Care Act, millions of women who have health insurance will receive preventive services without co-payments. The eight women's preventive services that are covered include well-woman visits; gestational diabetes screenings; domestic and interpersonal violence screening and counseling; FDA-approved contraceptive methods; breastfeeding support, supplies, and counseling; HPV DNA testing for women 30 and over; sexually transmitted infection counseling; and HIV screening and counseling.

The Affordable Care Act mandates that other preventive care services be made available to people with private health insurance or Medicare. Those services include annual wellness visits, cholesterol screening, and various cardiovascular and cancer screenings, such as mammograms, colonoscopies, and cervical cancer tests.

For more information about healthcare, including the provisions of the Affordable Care Act, visit www.healthcare.gov, a website maintained by the US Department of Health and Human Services.

Committee Hearings

The dates for upcoming hearings are listed below. Unless otherwise noted, meetings will begin at 5:30pm in Council Chambers, located on the second floor of City Hall, 90 West Broad Street, in downtown Columbus.

We encourage the public to attend. A valid photo ID is needed to enter City Hall. If you would like to speak at the meeting, you must complete a speaker slip. The slips are available at City Hall from 8am to 5pm on the day of the meeting.

Upcoming hearings:

- September 11, 2012 — Health and human services agencies' reports (5p)
- September 13, 2012 — Health and human services agencies' reports (2p)

